

Greece

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GREECE'S KARAMANLIS CRITICIZES U.S., USSR IN LE MONDE INTERVIEW
AT 131035 ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK 1830 GMT 13 APR 73 AT

(EXT) IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE FRENCH PAPER LE MONDE,
PREMIER KARAMANLIS CRITICIZES THE STAND OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE SOVIET UNION ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND STATES THAT EUROPE,
AND FRANCE IN PARTICULAR, HAVE THE MEANS TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE
ROLE IN SOLVING THE DIFFERENCES.

THE PREMIER, WHO GAVE THIS INTERVIEW DURING HIS 16-18
APRIL VISIT TO FRANCE, STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS: THE TWO
SUPERPOWERS, DESPITE THEIR NICE TALK, HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED
AS THEY SHOULD HAVE TO THE PROMOTION OF A JUST SOLUTION TO
THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I DEPEND, HE SAID, ON WORLD PUBLIC OPINION
EXPRESSED THROUGH THE US TO OBLIGE THE TWO SUPERPOWERS TO UNDERTAKE
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESTORING INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN
THE AREA.

KARAMANLIS THEN EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE GOOD FAITH OF
TURKEY WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, IS TRYING TO TURN THE CYPRUS
TRAGEDY INTO AN OPEN WOUND AND MAKE THE PROBLEM EXPLOSIVE.
IT IS INCORRECTABLE, HE WENT ON, THAT ANKARA HAS CHOSEN TO PRESERVE
THE TEMPORARY ADVANTAGES IT HAS ACQUIRED THROUGH FORCE AND
ARBITRARINESS AND TO PUT ITSELF IN DANGER OF BEING ISOLATED FROM
THE REST OF EUROPE IN THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS.
(FBIS NOTE: ATHENS ARMED FORCES RADIO AT 2200 GMT AND ATHENS
DOMESTIC SERVICE AT 2100 GMT BOTH RENDER THE PRECEDING PHRASE
AS XXX IN THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS XXX USING
"CULTURAL" INSTEAD OF "POLITICAL.")

ON THIS OCCASION, KARAMANLIS ADDED THAT THE REPRISALS TAKEN
BY EUROPE AGAINST THE DICTATORIAL REGIME IN GREECE HAD

SIGNIFICANT RESULTS AND WONDERED: COULD NOT EUROPE QUARANTINE
A GOVERNMENT THAT SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES AND
RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW?

IN HIS INTERVIEW, KARAMANLIS CONFIRMED THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS
TAKEN DEFENSIVE MEASURES ALONG ITS BORDERS AND ON CERTAIN
ISLANDS AND CONCLUDED: WE DO NOT WANT WAR BUT WE ARE NOT
PREPARED TO SUSTAIN THE HUMILIATIONS THEY ARE TRYING TO IMPOSE
ON US IN ORDER TO AVOID A CLASH. THE TURKISH PROVOCATIONS
AGGRAVATE THE TENSION IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA
ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I HAVE THE PAINFUL IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY,
FAR FROM SEEKING DETENTE, IS TRYING TO AGITATE THE CRISTS.

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